

APPENDIX J

SHPO CONCURRENCE LETTER

State of California

Memorandum

Date : April 5, 2005

To : Ms. Cher Daniels
California Department of Corrections

From : Office of Historic Preservation

Subject: Public Resources Code 5024 Compliance Requirements for California Department of Corrections Proposed San Quentin State Prison Condemned Inmate Complex Project

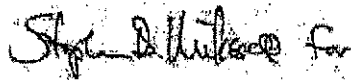
Thank you for requesting my comments on the above cited project. You seek my comments pursuant to Public Resources Code sections 5024 and 5024.5. My staff has reviewed the documentation that you provided and I would like to offer the following comments.

On November 8, 2004, my staff participated in a field review of the proposed project to better understand the potential effects to historical resources. At that time, my staff requested additional information regarding the historical significance of the Old Barn/Building #51 and a group of residences and other buildings now referred to as the San Quentin Valley Way Historic District. Your consultants, Myra L. Frank/Jones and Stokes, evaluated the historical significance of these resources in accordance with Section 15064.5 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and the California Register of Historical Resources criteria. You have determined that these resources are historically significant and meet the California Register of Historical Resources criterion 1 for their association with the early development of the San Quentin prison facility. I concur with your determination and pursuant to Section 5024(d) of the Public Resources Code will add these resources to the Master List of State-owned Historical Resources. In doing so, I will note that the San Quentin Valley Way Historic District includes 59 contributing buildings: the schoolhouse, 57 residences, and a garage.

As you note, the proposed project include two design alternatives: a single story and a stacked story buildings. The single story alternative results in the demolition of the San Quentin Valley Historic District, thus having a significant effect on historical resources. The stacked alternative would not result in any demolition to historical resources.

If the proposed project proceeds and the single story alternative is chosen, you have proposed additional documentation including large format archival photograph equivalent to the Historic American Building Survey standards as means of mitigating the effect to historical resources. While these would lessen the effects, it would not reduce the effects on historical resources to less than a significant level.

Thank you for requesting my comments. I look forward to continuing the consultation process.



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